

# St. Mary's Opens Doors To Stranded Travellers

By JOHN DASH

**Bath** — Frank Bierwiler doesn't know how many cups of coffee he poured out for his guests on the night of April 4. The party was a little livelier than expected.

And all the guests were grateful for the invitation, even though it was a come-as-you-are gathering.

But it wasn't really a party so much as an open house, and those who came, came, from the highways and byways. The guests were all Route 15 travellers, stranded for the night because of a freak snow storm that dumped

tons of the white stuff on this Southern Tier village, while barely touching Corning, just a few miles away.

Bierwiler, who is village police justice, and his wife Marilyn organized an effort to shelter more than 85 people at St. Mary's Parish.

Bierwiler said that around 4 p.m. village mayor John Bryson declared a state of emergency in the area; and by 6 p.m. a number of groups were opening their doors to more than 400 stranded pilgrims.

Bierwiler and James Mulcahy,

chairman of the parish school board, got on the phone to the St. Mary's Rosary and Altar society, charismatic prayer group members and parish council members; and by 7 p.m. St. Mary's had become a haven.

As one woman put it "My children liked it better than the motel they stayed at in Washington, D.C."

Assisting in the project was the Bath Volunteer Fire Department which, with the cooperation of Steuben County Fire Coordinator Robert Schreppe, made arrangements for cots and blankets to be brought to St. Mary's.

Alfred and Mary Gaudino, parents of 12, got up at 4:30 the next morning to cook breakfast for the travellers. Earlier, Ron Finney had donated six cases of soft drinks, Lisle Hopkins, two cases of milk; Max Mulhiesen, 100 cans of orange juice; and Don Chatfield, a case of eggs.

Other foods and emergency materials were paid for by the Red Cross.

By 10:30 a.m., Saturday, the roads were again open and St. Mary's had settled down to normal routine. Paul and Patricia Gardiner, Jack and Gail Lyle, Mary and John Giblin, who all helped in the effort, were able to close shop.

The same storm, by coincidence, had stranded the pastor, Father John P. O'Malley, in Toronto. He said he "hasn't praise enough" for his parish's response to the emergency.

He also noted that thank you letters are still arriving, some from as far away as Florida.

## CWU to Meet In Owasco Church

Owasco — The Owasco Reformed Church, oldest church building in Cayuga County, will be the site of May Fellowship Day for Church Women United in this area, on Friday, May 2.

The Rev. Leon Sanborne, pastor of Marietta United Church, will show slides taken in Austria, Hungary and Czechoslovakia and report on conversations with people of these countries. Some of those the Sanbornes talked with are CWU members.

Women planning to attend the 1 p.m. luncheon should bring their own sandwiches. Beverages and dessert will be provided. Reservations may be made with the Volunteer Center, mornings.

Rochester loves Don Cherry and I am certain Don Cherry loves Rochester, too. I am also certain that Don Cherry was stunned when his favored Bruins folded up to the underdog Hawks and fell out of the real season three games after it started.

Some Boston critics, who never let facts interfere with a good story, indicate that Cherry was walking around asking for autographs from the Bobby Orr and Phil Esposito. That he was in awe of those superstars. Well those superstars did not win for Cherry earlier this month in Chicago and Boston, and by the end of one month of the 1975-76 season — which is only five months away — they may have managed to put Don Cherry out on the street.


He may be out on the street, or scouting, or whatever, with two good paychecks in the reservoir. But his big league coaching career will have been torpedoed in a hurry. By the spoiled, overpaid, coddled darlings of the \$1,600,000 payroll.

Other coaches took the fall before him in Boston. His own boss, Harry Sinden, who is on record as approving of mugging, blindside attacks like that administered by John Wensink and David Forbes, would never put himself back on the coaching line again. It would be a firing line, and he'd be on the wrong end.

It is the old, old story. They will not fire the players. The players laugh and tell jokes and coast on the road and hustle at home and let the coaches take the falls. I would buy one for the house if I read next Fall that Don Cherry slapped fines — and I mean king-sized tabs — from about half a dozen of his household names before training camp was over. The second time around the players might be asking Don Cherry for HIS autograph.

P.S. — Kentucky Derby Special: Prince Thou Art.

**IN THIS CORNER**



**George Beahon**

Don Cherry returned to Rochester from the Stanley Cup skirmishes "not understanding" what happened to his Boston Bruins. They were dumped out of post-season play in three-nights, losing one in Chicago and one at home and then packing up the golf sticks and moving out.

That was a rather rude ending for a team some were calling a dynasty club. After all, the Bruins won it all in 1970. They had the best club in hockey in '71 but they managed to blow it. The next two times around in playoff country they won once and lost once.

Then came this trip against Chicago, only the 11th ranked team in the National Hockey League standings.

Boston blew the Hawks out of the Garden, and it would be easy, right? Except Chicago won the next night at home setting up the Boston kill in Boston the third night.

Except it was the Chicago kill, and the Bruins went home disappointed and misunderstood. By themselves, but not by some of their fans, who rained garbage and litter — including bottles — on the Garden ice following the upset defeat.

Upset my eye! The Bruins were paid approximately \$1,600,000 for playing regular season hockey and that is a large payroll. It includes some superstar paychecks, and superstars are supposed to carry their teams in the odd games.

All Boston needed was to win that third game at home, and then go on to play in a big one with Buffalo. But Boston didn't win the blue chipper at home, and of course it didn't win in Chicago. At \$1,600,000, who needs playoff bread?

That was no surprise. Because the Bruins were a spoiled bunch of overpaid dandies who simply didn't bother to "put out" on the road all season. So how could they change their ways for one playoff game? Teams that intimidate and dominate at home don't have to apologize for their tactics, if they have guts enough to throw their bodies around on foreign ice.

The Bruins curled up and died on the road, but from most reports out of Boston, they had very pleasant social trips. They did manage to lose 22 games away from home, and that is disgraceful. Dynasty team? Home ice bullies.



Old Friends

On a recent Holy Year trip to Rome, Father L. John Hedges, second from left, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo parish, walked into an old St. Bernard's Seminary classmate, Father Theophane Larkin, OFM. The meeting took place in St. John Lateran Basilica where Father Larkin is on assignment. At left is Father Leon Hart, former Aquinas Institute principal, and at right is Father William Leone, of St. Francis in Geneva.

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